



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q65548

Yasumichi KUWAYAMA , et al.

Appln. No.: 09/910,872

Group Art Unit: 2833

Confirmation No.: 4044

Examiner: Ross N. Gushi

Filed: April 24, 2001

For: ELECTRIC CONNECTING TERMINAL

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**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on  
October 28, 2003:

**REMARKS**

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was attached with the Office  
Action dated October 30, 2003.

During the interview, Applicant's undersigned representative and Examiner Gushi  
discussed the "internal surface of said distal portion" limitation of claim 1. Specifically,  
Examiner Gushi indicated that there may be a potential 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph issue  
regarding this language because Examiner Gushi felt that the internal surfaces would no longer  
be inclined with respect to an internal surface after the piercing portions were bent. Applicant's  
undersigned representative indicated that this is not the case as the internal surface will remain